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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR
THE PROPOSAL AND DETERMINATION TO ADOPT AN
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND A
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited in this letter.
2. Consider protests to the adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan and determine whether a majority protest exists. If your Board finds that the protests filed represent more than 50 percent of the assessed value of land within the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, deny adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan and refer the matter back to the Department of Public Works. If there is no majority protest, adopt the resolution for the determination to adopt a Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley.
3. Adopt the resolution for the proposal and determination to adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these actions is to adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and a Groundwater Management Plan (Plans) for the Antelope Valley.

The Plans were collaboratively prepared by 11 public agencies, including the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District) in accordance with State guidelines to address regional water supply needs, protect and improve water quality, provide flood management, protect the environment, and establish a data management system to monitor the progress of these objectives. The adoption of the Plans will improve the Antelope Valley's competitiveness for State and Federal grant funds, including those authorized under Propositions 50, 84, and 1E.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Community Services (Goal 6) by improving the District's competitiveness for State and Federal grant funds and enhancing the reliability of water supply for the District's customers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, as codified in California Water Code §10530 through §10546, provides the framework for preparation and adoption of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans in the State. California Water Code §10541(c) requires publication of a notice of intention to adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) in accordance with Government Code §6066 if three or more participants in the group propose to adopt the IRWMP. Additionally, California Water Code §10541(d) requires a determination to adopt the IRWMP after holding a public hearing.

The Groundwater Management Act, as codified in California Water Code §10750 through §10756, provides the framework for preparation and adoption of Groundwater Management Plan in the State. California Water Code §10753.5(a) requires that a local agency hold a public hearing to determine to adopt the Groundwater Management Plan. After the public hearing, the local agency shall consider protests to the adoption of the plan and determine whether a majority protest exists. Pursuant to California Water

Code §10753.6(b), the local agency must compare the names and property descriptions on the protests against the property ownership records of the County Assessors. If your Board finds that the protests filed represent more than 50 percent of the assessed value of land within the District, deny adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan and refer the matter back to Public Works. If there is no majority protest, adopt the resolution for the determination to adopt a Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is to adopt plans collaboratively prepared by 11 public agencies including the District, in accordance with State guidelines to address regional water supply needs, protect and improve water quality, provide flood management, protect the environment, and establish a data management system to monitor the progress of these objectives. It involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which your Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. The Plans will not have a legally binding effect on later activities and, therefore, their adoption is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The adoption of the Plans will improve the District's competitiveness for State and Federal grant funds to improve the reliability of water supply for the District's customers.

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return one adopted copy of this letter and the attached resolutions to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a horizontal line.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:DLW
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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
APPROVING THE PROPOSAL AND DETERMINATION TO ADOPT A
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

WHEREAS, the California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.75, known as the Groundwater Management Planning Act, hereinafter referred to as "ACT," provides the framework for preparation and adoption of groundwater management plans in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency; Palmdale Water District; Quartz Hill Water District; Littlerock Creek Irrigation District; Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association; City of Palmdale; City of Lancaster; County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County; Rosamond Community Services District; and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40; Antelope Valley, have established a Regional Water Management Group by means of a Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with the ACT; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group collaboratively prepared a Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley, hereinafter referred to as "PLAN," that meets the requirements of the ACT; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group solicited and incorporated input from all interested stakeholders in preparation of the PLAN; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the PLAN is intended to improve the Antelope Valley's competitiveness for State and Federal funding, including grants from Propositions 50, 84, and 1E for all members of the Regional Water Management Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, does hereby:

1. Determine to adopt and adopt a Groundwater Management Plan for the Antelope Valley as a member of the Regional Water Management Group.


The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
Deputy
Frederick W. Pfaffle

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
APPROVING THE PROPOSAL AND DETERMINATION TO ADOPT AN
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
ANTELOPE VALLEY

WHEREAS, the California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.2, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, hereinafter referred to as "ACT," provides the framework for preparation and adoption of integrated regional water management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency; Palmdale Water District; Quartz Hill Water District; Littlerock Creek Irrigation District; Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association; City of Palmdale; City of Lancaster; County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; County Sanitation District No. 20 of Los Angeles County; Rosamond Community Services District; and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40; Antelope Valley, have established a Regional Water Management Group by means of a Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with the ACT; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, does hereby:

1. Propose to adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Antelope Valley as a member of the Regional Water Management Group; and
2. Determine to adopt and adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Antelope Valley as a member of the Regional Water Management Group.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

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